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## NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

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DATE: April 15, 2011

TO: Office of Planning and Research      X County Clerk-Recorder  
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121      County of Alameda  
Sacramento, CA 95814      1106 Madison Street  
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**SUBJECT:** Filing of Notice of Determination

**PROJECT TITLE:** Fremont Skate Park (PLN2011-00130/PWC8672)

**STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (if submitted to Clearinghouse):** n/a

**PROJECT LOCATION:** 40500 Paseo Padre Parkway in the Central Planning Area of Fremont, Alameda County. (Portions of APNs: 525-0001-010-00, 525-0784-0002-00, 525-0784-0003-00, 525-0784-0004-00).

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The approved project is a City-initiated community skate park located on a relatively flat one-acre site within the larger 450-acre Central Park. The skate park would be located on a portion of a former swim lagoon area that was filled between 2007 and 2010. After the skate park is constructed, the remaining two acres of the former swim lagoon would not be developed as part of this project.

The skate park is an outdoor facility that would be used by skateboarders and skaters ranging in age from two to sixty years, with the anticipated average user age of 14 years. The skate park would be open for use daily during standard park hours from sunrise to 10 p.m. The facility has been designed to incorporate both street and bowl type skating to enable use by a broad range of skaters. The facility would be constructed of structurally engineered poured-in-place concrete to minimize cracking and facilitate precision finish surfaces. Edges and ledges will be finished in a metal coping to protect it from the wear of grinding maneuvers. Selected areas would be finished with brick stamped and stained concrete.

Within the site, about 60 percent (25,000 square feet) of the area comprises skating surfaces. The skating surface area includes five general areas: street course; plaza; advanced bowl; snake run; and flow and mini bowls. The skate park provides unique skating features such as return banks, rails, and vertical walls. Integrated within the skating surface area would be landscape improvements intended to provide unique viewing opportunities, shade and cooling, and aesthetic enhancements/variation. The integrated landscape areas would be improved with integrated synthetic turf, trees, plantings, stormwater retention/percolation areas (to provide for on-site stormwater management from rain events and site improvements), as well as spectator and skating resting areas.

Non-skating surface improvements (outside of the skate surface area) include shade structures, picnic benches, spectator seating benches, drinking fountains, bike racks, lighting for night skating and safety/security, and trees and landscape. These non-skating surface amenities are intended to support observers at the skate park and would be standard in size and material as elsewhere in Central Park. Landscape improvements include shade trees along the perimeter of the facility, as well as transitional sod turf areas from the skate park to the larger Central Park area. Lighting standards (e.g., poles) would be no taller than 30 feet with illumination shielded and directed downward. The rear (northeast) boundary of the skate park includes an eight-foot tall black clad fence. The other



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edges of the facility would be unfenced, typical for City park facilities.


Construction of the skate park is anticipated to take 6-months to complete. Estimated start of construction is targeted to commence in April 2012 and conclude in September 2012. Construction activities would occur consistent with the Fremont Municipal Code restrictions, being from Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday/Holidays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. No construction activity would occur on Sundays. The remaining 2-acres (from the prior swim lagoon) of the fill (dirt) area will be used as the construction staging area. Excess fill from skate park construction will spread over the remaining 2-acre swim lagoon area. A few of the parking spaces (i.e., 6 to 10 spaces) directly adjacent to the skate park site will be used by construction workers to park their trucks/cars and place a few storage containers for use during the construction activity period. During the construction period, all construction equipment will be stored in the 2-acre fill area.

**PROJECT SPONSOR/CITY CONTACT:** Roger Ravenstad, Senior Landscape Architect; (510) 494-4723; [ravenstad@fremont.gov](mailto:ravenstad@fremont.gov); City of Fremont, Community Services Department, 39550 Liberty Street, PO Box 5006, Fremont, CA 94537-5006.

This is to advise that the City of Fremont City Council (as the Lead Agency) has approved the above described project on April 12, 2011, and has made the following determinations regarding the project:

1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. A Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation monitoring reporting program was adopted for the project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted for this project.
6. Findings were not made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the Mitigated Negative Declaration, with comments and responses, and the record of project approval is available to the General Public at: City of Fremont, Community Development Department-Planning Division, 39550 Liberty Street, P.O. Box 5006, Fremont, California 94537.

	Senior Planner	April 15, 2011
Signature (Public Agency)	Title	Date

Date received for filing at OPR: n/a.